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APRIL 21, 1975
TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: AMBASSADOR GRAHAM MARTIN
REF: WH 50728, WH 50732

1. I HAVE CONTINUALLY HAD IN MIND THE IMPORT OF YOUR COMMENTS ON TIMING IN RELATION TO YOUR REPORTS TO THE SOVIETS. THERE HAS NO WAY, HOWEVER, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO BRING THIS POINT INTO PLAY IN MY CONVERSATION WITH THIEU. I SAID I WOULD PROVIDE A FULLER MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION AND WHAT I DID NOT INCLUDE IS THAT I HAD TRIED TO TAKE CARE OF THIS POINT BY ASKING HIM THAT I HOPED THAT, WHATEVER HE DECIDED TO DO, HE MIGHT GIVE HIS LONG TIME FRIENDS A TINY BIT OF ADVANCE NOTICE AT LEAST. THIS HE HAD NOT DONE IN THE CASE OF THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM MRS 1 AND 2. HE SAID IN THE LATTER CASE, HE HAD NOT DONE SO BECAUSE ANYTHING FORMALLY COMMUNICATED TO US AND REPORTED TO WASHINGTON SEEMED AUTOMATICALLY TO BE IN THE WASHINGTON POST OR THE NEW YORK TIMES THE NEXT DAY. HE DID NOT GIVE ME DEFINITE ASSURANCE THAT HE WOULD GIVE ADVANCE NOTICE BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD KEEP IT IN MIND.

2. THIS MORNING WE HAD INFORMATION THAT HE WAS TO SPEAK OVER THE RADIO AT TEN O'CLOCK. HE DID NOT DO SO. THIS AFTERNOON WE HAVE HAD A TIP THAT HE WILL SPEAK AT 3 P.M. ANNOUNCING EITHER HIS RESIGNATION OR COMPLETE DELEGATION OF POWERS TO A NATIONAL COUNCIL
WHICH WOULD FACILITATE THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OTHER SIDE. THIS, TOO, MAY BE A FALSE RUMOR AND MAY BE POSTPONED.

3. IF IT IS TRUE, YOU MIGHT WANT TO GET DOBRYNIN OUT OF BED AND TAKE CREDIT FOR WHAT YOU HAD SET IN MOTION. YOU SHOULD DO THIS, I SUPPOSE, ONLY AFTER WE CONFIRM TO YOU IN THE NEXT FEW MINUTES WHETHER OR NOT HE ACTUALLY DID SPEAK AT THREE O'CLOCK AND THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS

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OYDYCHENY. IF THE NUMBER YOUY WE WILL SPEAK AY THREE O'CLOCK IN NOY YOUG I HAV OYILL BE ADLE YO INELUENEE HIM YO PODYPONE IY. HOWEVER, OIVEN YHEUYO WOOD AY THE MOMENY I WOULD WAVE YO BE ADLE YO CONVINCE HIM YHAY THE PODYPONEMENY WAS YRULY IN THE INYERESYS OF OUYU VEYNAM. I DO NOY YHINK I CAN DO YHIS IF I WERE NOY ADLE YO INDICAYE AY LEAST THE BROAD OUYLINES OF WHAY IY IS WE ARE YRYINO YO BEY HANOI YO AGREE YO.

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